



Use Authorization Form for Water Quality Data

Name of Group or
Organization: _____

Date: _____

Name of Submitter: _____

Role or Title
(QA officer, leader, etc.) _____

Type(s) of Monitoring
Conducted by Organization?

☐ **Chemical**
(pH, dissolved oxygen
nutrients, etc.)

☐ **Physical**
(Temperature, stream
flow, etc.)

☐ **Biological**
(Macroinvertebrate, E.
coli, etc.)

Type of
Organization

☐ Citizen Volunteer

☐ Federal Agency

☐ State Agency

☐ Local Agency

☐ Business or Industry

☐ College or University

☐ Other (Name): _____

On behalf of the group identified above, we agree that the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) may use water quality monitoring data we generate per our selection(s) below. Our choice(s) will remain in effect unless or until our organization submits changes in the future.

Options for Uses of Your Data (may select more than one)

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1. List and delist impaired waters on the 303(d) Impaired Waters List

Data recognized by DEQ as Level III can be used to list or delist water on the 303(d) impaired waters list. We understand that 303(d) listed waters do not meet minimum water quality standards in Virginia and a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) may eventually be developed to improve water quality.

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2. Source identification for TMDL development for waters already listed as impaired

Level III data can be used in conjunction with DEQ monitored data to identify sources of pollution for 303(d) listed waters for TMDL development. We understand that our data will not be used by itself, without water quality data collected by DEQ, wherever possible.

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3. Track progress of a TMDL Implementation Plan and other restoration

Level II or III data can be used to track the progress of restoration in a TMDL waterbody including installed Best Management Practices or to identify areas where other restoration efforts are taking place.

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4. Identify waters for future DEQ monitoring

Level II or III data can be used to identify a waterbody for follow-up monitoring by DEQ. We understand that DEQ may not be able to monitor at these locations and/or assess water quality for some period of time.

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5. Educate land owners on the water quality impacts of land use activities

All levels of data can be used to help in educating the community about water quality and land use activities.

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